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Beans and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - August 2005

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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 75,578 metric tons of beans and pulses in August 2005, up 58 percent from the same period in 2004. India was the major buyer in August, accounting for 60 percent of total exports, followed by China (18 percent). National Research Council of Thailand signed an agreement with the Myanmar Agricultural Service to examine soybean production in hopes of creating exportable supplies for Thailand's market.

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Trade

Burma exported 75,578 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses in August 2005, up 58 percent from the same period in 2005, due mainly to increased demand from importing countries. Matpe accounted for 41 percent of the total exports, followed by Toor Whole (36 percent) and Mung bean (13 percent). India and China are the major buyers in August, accounting for 60 percent and 18 percent of the total exports, respectively.

Bangladesh – a total of 1,045 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 960 mt of Matpe
- 8 mt of Lab beans
- 77 mt of various beans

Belgium – a total of 396 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 396 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

China - a total of 13,764 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 9,130 mt of Mung beans
- 4,634 mt of Matpe

Czech Republic – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported

- 23 mt of Kidney beans

Hong Kong – a total of 69 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 69 mt of Mung beans

India - a total of 45,291 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 13,759 mt of Matpe
- 517 mt of Mung beans
- 240 mt of Black eye beans
- 26,502 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)
- 2,609 mt of Kidney beans
- 1,592 mt of Chickpeas
- 72 mt of various beans

Indonesia – a total of 92 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 92 mt of Brown beans

Italy – a total of 24 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 24 mt of Mung beans

Japan - a total of 150 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 63 mt of Matpe
- 45 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
- 42 mt of various beans

Korea – a total of 83 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 63 mt of Black eye beans
- 20 mt of Sutani/pya (Red Lima beans)

Latvia – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 23 mt of Kidney beans

Malaysia - a total of 253 mt of beans and pulses exported:

161 mt of Matpe

92 mt of Mung beans

Netherlands - a total of 140 mt of beans and pulses exported:

20 mt of Mung beans

120 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon pea)

Nepal – a total of 48 mt of beans and pulses exported:

48 mt of Matpe

Pakistan - a total of 11,673 mt of beans and pulses exported:

9,419 mt of Matpe

1,846 mt of Chickpeas

288 mt of Black eye beans

120 mt of Toor Whole

Portugal – a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:

46 mt of Black eye beans

Sri Lanka – a total of 578 mt of beans and pulses exported:

578 mt of Kidney beans

Singapore - a total of 166 mt of beans and pulses exported:

120 mt of Matpe

46 mt of Mung beans

Thailand – a total of 347 mt of beans and pulses exported:

240 mt of Mung beans

54 mt of Brown beans

53 mt of various beans

Taiwan – a total of 23 mt of beans and pulses exported:

23 mt of Mung beans

UAE - a total of 912 mt of beans and pulses exported:

912 mt of Matpe

Vietnam - a total of 432 mt of beans and pulses exported:

432 mt of Matpe

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2004	2005
January	59,450	37,528
February	85,062	51,171
March	131,179	71,433
April	129,001	56,153
May	139,895	62,878
June	98,906	92,430
July	68,992	64,063
August	47,786	75,578
September	30,748	
October	34,080	
November	45,107	
December	35,584	
TOTAL	905,790	511,234

Prices

Export prices set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met in August 2005 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 340-360

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 400-420

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 320-340

Mung beans (FAQ) US\$ 415-435

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 330-350

Note: Average exchange rate in August: one US\$= Kyat 1,150

Export prospects

Trading activities of beans and pulses were active, except for Matpe, due to high demand for export. However, decreased border trade demand from China depressed market prices in Mandalay to some extent.

Trade sources reported that China became one of major buyers of Burmese mung beans at the expense of exports to India for the first time since CY 2002/03. Prices for good quality mung beans exported to Shweli, a Chinese town along the Burmese-Chinese border, reached at US\$ 520. In general, exports of beans and pulses to China are mostly via border trade.

Myanmar Agriculture Service (MAS), an agency of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, signed an agreement with National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) on a soybean production project on July 15, 2005. Thailand will conduct a test of planting 11 species of soybean seed in 16 plots in Bago, Rangoon, Irrawaddy, and Shan State. In addition, the project also plans to conduct plantings in six test plots in Mandalay, Magwe and Sagaing Divisions. A group of Burmese officials will be provided training in Thailand. If the result of these field trials proves commercially viable, Thailand will promote sizable soybean production in Burma for export back to Thailand. Soybean consumption in Thailand is almost

2 million tons per annum, most of which is met by soybean imported from the U.S. and Argentina. As supplies from Burma are likely to be less expensive than those from the U.S., this effort may pose a threat to U.S. soybean exports to Thailand in the future.

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